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Dear Mr. Berry,

I am so glad you are interested in resolving the Native Hawaiian Sovereignty issue with love and aloha! My husband and daughter are both of Hawaiian ancestry, and this issue is dear to our hearts. Contrary to popular belief, the Hawaiian people do not want to overthrow the federal or state governments occupying these islands. They do want access to their lands, including water rights, gathering rights, and proceeds from ceded lands to help solve the education, health, and welfare issues facing the Hawaiian people.

Habitat for humanity could possibly be used as model for housing concerns facing Hawaiians, many who have been on waiting lists their whole life.

Thank you for wanting to help put things right!

Mahalo nui loa,

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